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) CASE NO. 7:14CV00269

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MEMORANDUM OPINION
(Adopting Report and Recommendation)

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) **By: Glen E. Conrad**
) **Chief United States District Judge**
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implemented the master pass policy; George Hinkle, a VDOC Regional Administrator who addressed Snodgrass' grievance appeal; Randall C. Mathena, Warden of Red Onion, who implemented the policy at that facility; and J. King, the ROSP case counselor who, along with Mathena, refused Snodgrass' request that an exception be made under the policy to allow him to participate in Ramadan 2013, based on his past participation in the fast.

Defendants moved for summary judgment. The court denied the motion on the ground of qualified immunity and allowed discovery. Snodgrass then responded to defendants' motion as to the merits of his claims, and the court referred the matter to Judge Hoppe. In his Report and Recommendation, Judge Hoppe recommends that defendants' motion be granted in part and denied in part. Defendants have not filed objections to Judge Hoppe's findings and recommendations. Snodgrass filed objections which merely disagree with Judge Hoppe's legal conclusions and recommendations. After de novo review of the challenged portions of the report and pertinent parts of the record, the court finds that Snodgrass' concerns are adequately and correctly addressed in the report. Therefore, finding it appropriate to do so, the court will adopt the magistrate judge's report and recommendation in its entirety as consistent with the record and applicable law. An appropriate order will issue this day.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this memorandum opinion and accompanying order to plaintiff and to counsel of record for defendants.

ENTER: This 10th day of August, 2015.



Chief United States District Judge